

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-1819**  
**Howard Poe House**  
**141 Church Lane**  
**Cockeysville, Baltimore County**  
**Circa 1900**  
**Private**

Constructed circa 1900, the Howard Poe House is representative of the few single-family dwellings remaining along the Church Lane corridor in the small community of Texas. The house was constructed at 141 Church Lane at the height of the town's prosperity as a center for limestone quarrying and industrial development and was most likely built to accommodate workers in the local industry.

The vernacular Howard Poe House is a two-story, two-bay wide dwelling with modest Queen Anne style ornamentation located at 141 Church Lane. The single-pile, rectangular house fronts north and has a two-story, two-bay-deep ell with a shed roof that extends to the south flush with the east elevation. An interior end stretcher bond brick chimney rises from the west side of the main block, while an exterior chimney bisects the south elevation of the ell. The house features a solid random rubble stone foundation, side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles and asbestos shingle cladding. A single sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door and three 6/6 windows, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds and sills, pierce the façade, or north elevation. A two-bay wide porch with shed roof supported by square wood posts shelters the first story of the façade. The porch is ornamented with scroll-sawn wood corner brackets and a solid asbestos shingle-clad balustrade. A one-bay square porch with a shed roof supported by square wood posts projects from the south elevation of the ell. A gravel driveway borders the east, south, and west sides of the property.

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**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic

other	Howard Poe House
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## 2. Location

street and number 141 Church Lane \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town      Cockeysville      - vicinity

county Baltimore County

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Walter L. Brewer, Jr. and Jane M. Brewer

street and number	212 Morris Avenue	telephone	Not Available
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city, town	Lutherville-Timonium	state	MD	zip code	21093
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 7680 folio 657

city, town	Towson	tax map 51	tax parcel 236	tax ID number	2100001059
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

## 6. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Current Function</b>	<b>Resource Count</b>
___district	___public	___agriculture	Contributing      Noncontributing
<u>X</u> _building(s)	<u>X</u> _private	___landscape	___I_____ buildings
___structure	___both	___commerce/trade	_______ sites
___site		___defense	_____ structures
___object		___domestic	_____ objects
		___education	___I_____ Total
		___funerary	
		___government	
		___health care	
		___industry	
		___recreation/culture	
		___religion	
		___social	
		___transportation	
		___work in progress	
		___unknown	
		___vacant/not in use	
		___other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			1 _____

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	circa 1900	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	circa 1900		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Settled as early as 1801 by John Clark, the community now known as Texas, Maryland, was originally referred to as Clark's Switch. Over the next decades, the numerous quarries and mining opportunities surrounding the area drew many people to the settlement at Clark's Switch, which was soon known as Clarksville, and then as Ellengowan.<sup>1</sup> Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Texas was well known as a center for limestone quarries.

The quarrying of Texas limestone for commercial investment began in 1804. The availability of this resource meant prosperity not only for local builders, but also for local farmers, for a large amount of Texas limestone was burned to produce lime for the conditioning of soil. From 1804 until 1840, the quarrying of limestone around Texas increased dramatically, resulting in a total of roughly 50 limestone kilns in operation during the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In 1877 alone, there were no fewer than 42 lime kilns in or near the center of Texas, most of which were situated along the Northern Central Railway near the town's railroad station. This latter fact is probably due to the ease with which the final product could be shipped out of Texas for distribution and sale to other parts of the county.<sup>2</sup>

By the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the community was officially known as Texas. Its change in name was apparently spurred by a nationalistic fervor that overtook the area during the Mexican-American War.<sup>3</sup> The industrial

<sup>1</sup> The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 31.

<sup>2</sup> The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 129; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p. 47.

<sup>3</sup> J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850), n.p.; see also John McGrain, *From Pig Iron to Cotton Duck: A History of Manufacturing Villages in Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Baltimore County Public Library, 1985), p. 324, and The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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Name Howard Poe House, 141 Church Lane, Cockeysville, Baltimore County

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opportunity in the town led to an increasing population in Texas. In 1881, the town's population had reached 649, nearly two and one-half times that of Cockeysville, which was located only one mile to the north. Although no employment statistics exist for this time period, it is probable that the local quarries or kilns employed the majority of the residents of Texas. With increasing interests in the quarrying of limestone and its location along the Northern Central Railway, Texas then needed to accommodate the needs of its citizens. In 1852, St. Joseph's Catholic Church was founded. To meet the educational needs of children in the town, a schoolhouse was erected prior to 1877 along Beaver Dam Road. In addition, the Baltimore County Poor House was built in 1873 just east of Texas and York Road.<sup>4</sup>

The residential population of Texas lived primarily along the Church Lane corridor, perpendicular to the Northern Central Railway line through the town. Even with its strong economic growth from the 1860s through the 1880s, the citizens of Texas occupied only a small geographic area around the thriving commercial center of the railroad station. Although a few of the more wealthy citizens of the town had larger, more rural properties along other improved and unimproved roads that encircled the town, the vast majority of residential structures were built at the heart of the town.<sup>5</sup>

By the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the community increased its density without expanding its borders. The town continued to thrive along Church Lane. It was at this point in the history of Texas that the Howard Poe House was constructed. With increased commercial development to the north of Baltimore City in the mid- and late 20<sup>th</sup> century, however, the population and building stock of Texas has begun a decline. The removal of the grade crossing along Church Lane now prevents passage from York Road through to Beaver Dam Road, and the residential community has been effectively cut off from the surrounding area. Additionally, an increasing number of properties have been purchased and developed by quarry interests, and much of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century residential buildings have been demolished.<sup>6</sup>

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Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 31.

<sup>4</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of their Representative Men* (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 882.

<sup>5</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p.47.

<sup>6</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915), n.p.

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Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys*. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850..

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .2 Acres  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Cockeysville Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1900, the Howard Poe House has been associated with the .237 acres known as tax parcel 236 of map 51 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

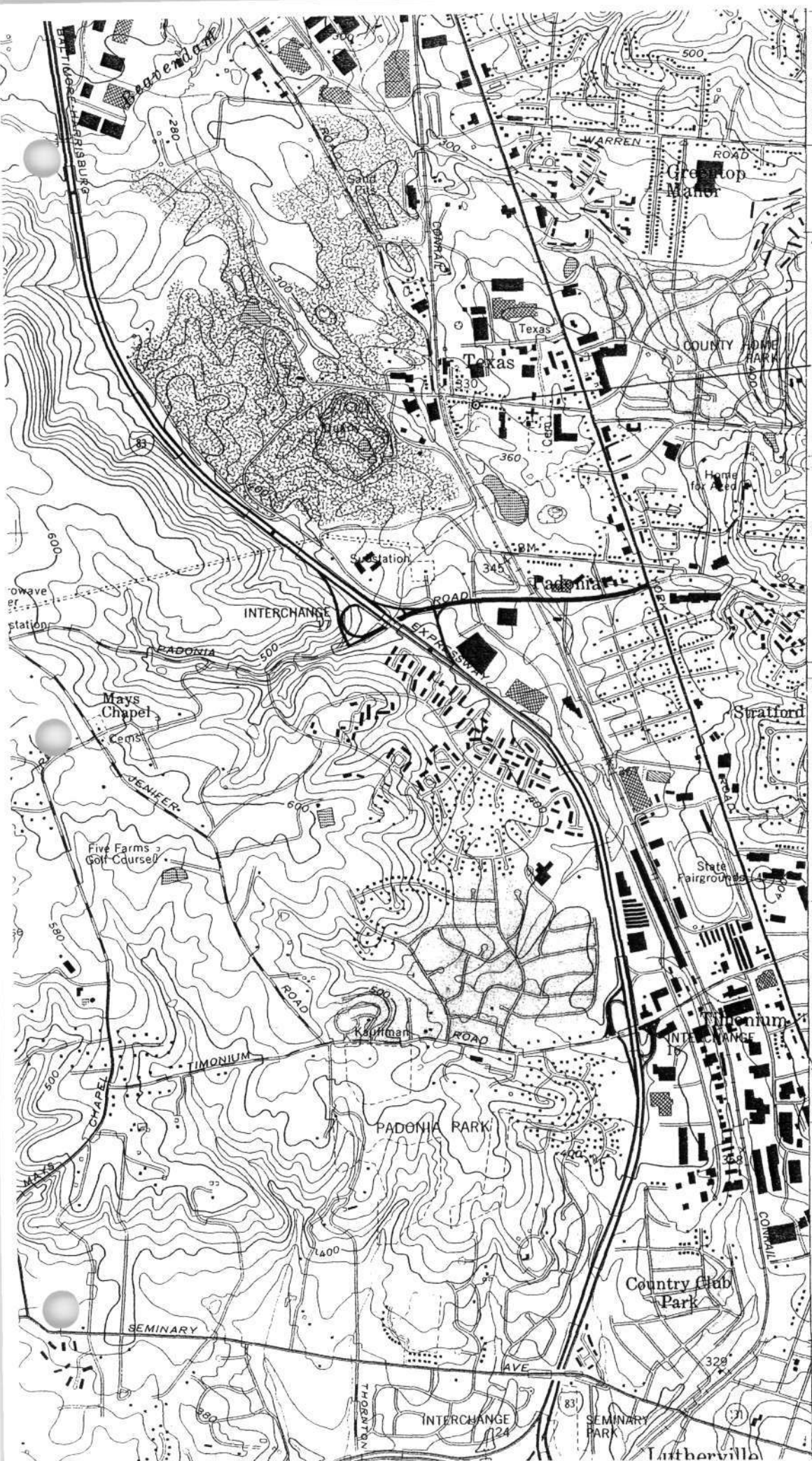
name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	April 25, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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USGS Quad: **COCKEYSVILLE**  
Scale: 1:24,000  
BA-1819  
Howard Poe House  
141 Church Lane  
Cockeysville  
Baltimore County



WARREN 0.5 MI.  
4370  
4369  
27°30''  
4368  
4367  
(TOWSON) 3.1 MI.  
5662' NE  
BALTIMORE (UNCL. U.S. 1) 9.1 MI.  
0.5 MI. TO MD. 45  
TOWSON (COURTHOUSE)





BA-1819

HOWARD POE HOUSE  
141 CHURCH LANE, COCKEYSVILLE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
TRACERIES

4/2001

MD SHPO

NORTHWEST CORNER, CAMERA FACING SOUTHEAST



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141 CHURCH LANE, COCKEYSVILLE  
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TRACERIES

4/2001

MD SHPO

SOUTHEAST CORNER, CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

141 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN

Texas

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

- ☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- ☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

- ☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME James E Freeland

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Baltimore County Courthouse  
Courthouse Square

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☒ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR             ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two storey house with a sone foundation house at 141 Church Lane has a low pitched gable roof and the exterior walls are covered with beige shingles. The house consists of a main block and a wing which is located at the south side of the house. The wing has a shed roof. The house has two chimneys, one at the west gable and other to the center of the shed roof porch of the wing of the south facade. On the north facade there is a shed roofed porch which stands upon brick piers. The porch is wupported by 3 wood posts with decorative brackets at the top of the post. The front door is wood and has glass sidelights, and is located in the east bay of the north facade of the first storey of the house. There is a 6/6 light window to the west of the front door of this side. There are two 6/6 light windows in the east and west bays of the north facade located in the second storey and both are encased in wood.

The west facade has no windows in its main block. The wing of this facade has two 6/6 light double hung windows in the north and south bays. The south facade of the main block has a 6/6 light window in the east bay of both first and second stories. A cellar door is located in the ground at the west corner fo the south facade of the main block.

The east facade of the house has two 4/4 light double hung windows in the north bay of each storey. The wing of this facade has one 4/4 light window in the south bay of the first storey and there are two 4/4 light windows in the north and south bays of the second storey.

There are two outbuildings located on the property. One is a small brick bstructure with a low pitched gable roof that is possibly used for storage and a little wood structure that appears to be a doll's house. It appears to be composed of log but it is possible that it is simply an item from the toy department at Sears made to look like a little log cabin.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD**

- ☐ PREHISTORIC  
☐ 1400-1499  
☐ 1500-1599  
☐ 1600-1699  
☐ 1700-1799  
☐ 1800-1899  
☒ 1900-

- ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ ARCHITECTURE  
☐ ART  
☐ COMMERCE  
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

- ☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING  
☐ CONSERVATION  
☐ ECONOMICS  
☐ EDUCATION  
☐ ENGINEERING  
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
☐ INDUSTRY  
☐ INVENTION

- ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
☐ LAW  
☐ LITERATURE  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSIC  
☐ PHILOSOPHY  
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- ☐ RELIGION  
☐ SCIENCE  
☐ SCULPTURE  
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
☐ THEATER  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☒ OTHER (SPECIFY)

community streetscape

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

141 Church Lane is typical of late 19th century or early 20th century vernacular architecture, using natural materials such as stone from area quarries.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Various Land Record Libers in the Baltimore County Courthouse

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

~~VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION~~  
 Being for the first on the south side of the county road leading from Texas to the York Road at a distance of 20 feet south 79 degrees east from a stone planted on the south side of said road thence running with and bounding on the south side of said road south 79 degrees east 50 feet thence south 8 degrees west 100 feet thence north 79 degrees west 50 feet and thence north 8 degrees east 100 feet to the place of beginning. Being for the second at the northeast corner of the above lot where

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Mary Sue Greisman

Dec.13,1978

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Goucher College

821-9322

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Towson Maryland

STATE

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

beginning is at a point on the south side of the road leading from the village of Texas to the York road at the distance of 70 feet south 79 degrees east from a stone planted on the south side of said road hence running with and binding on the south side of said road south 79 degrees east 34 feet and 5 inches to intersect the northwest corner of the lot leased by John P Clark to Edward Fitzgerald thence running with and binding on the west side of said lot south 12 degrees and 15 minutes west 100 feet thence north 79 degrees west 34 feet and 5 inches to intersect the southeast corner of lot leased by John P Clark to Kenney thence running with and binding on the east side of the last named lot north 8 degrees east 100 feet to place of beginning.

141 Church Lane

<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Liber/Folio</u>
Israel Berlin & wife	James S Freeland & wife	Sept.28, 1926	639/93

Hubbard E Bartletson & wife	Israel Berlin	June,10, 1920	527/197
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Land was divided into two lots and was leased			
John P Clark & wife	Edward Fitzgerald	Jan.27, 1881	120/456

John P Clark & wife	Patrick Kenney	Nov.1, 1871	76/86
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John P Clark & wife	Howard Poe	Jan.26, 1907	310/147	*
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\*  
Two lots of above leased ground- together with the buildings and agree-  
ments thereupon erected made or being.

